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Transmittal #53 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes to the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary.

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	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Chapter 1, Section 2.4 , <i>Spouse</i> . Corrects formatting error.	1-2.4	1-4	1-2.4	1-4
Chapter 2, Section 4.6 , <i>Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)</i> . Corrects hyperlink error.	2-4.6	1-2	2-4.6	1-2
Chapter 2, Section 5.2 , <i>Orthodontia Related To Scoliosis</i> . Removes Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; and moves the statement to the new Exclusions section that orthodontia related to the treatment of scoliosis with a Milwaukee Brace is not covered.	2-5.2	1	2-5.2	1
Chapter 2, Section 5.3 , <i>Mandibular Bone Grafts</i> . Removes Authority reference; removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; and amends Description for a mandibular bone graft.	2-5.3	1	2-5.3	1

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	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>C-S</u>	<u>Pages</u>
<u>Chapter 2, Section 11.3</u> , <i>Transfusion Services For Whole Blood, Blood Components And Blood Derivatives</i> . Removes Authority reference; amends Procedure Code(s) to indicate that CPT codes 86910-86911 are excluded services; amends Description for transfusions; amends Policy to remove the costs of blood clotting factor for hemophilia inpatients; adds new blood derivative factors; adds reference to the Cost-To-Charge (CTC) Payment System policy; and moves non-covered services previously listed under Policy and Exception to a new Exclusions section.	2-11.3	1-4	2-11.3	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 16.7</u> , <i>Podiatry</i> . Corrects a spelling error.	2-16.7	1-5	2-16.7	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-2</u> , <i>Center for Disease Control Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule</i> . Corrects the acronym for Td (Tetanus-diphtheria).	2-23.3A-2	1-3	2-23.3A-2	1-3
<u>Chapter 2, Section 26.9</u> , <i>Positron Emission Tomography (PET)</i> . Adds under Exclusions the diagnosis, staging, and monitoring of treatment for cervix cancer.	2-26.9	1-4	2-26.9	1-4
<u>Chapter 2, Section 27.1</u> , <i>Integumentary System</i> . Corrects formatting error.	2-27.1	1-5	2-27.1	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Section 30.1</u> , <i>Physical Therapy</i> . Amends Policy Considerations to clarify the requirements for a treatment plan.	2-30.1	1-18	2-30.1	1-17
Subject Index . Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.	C-1 thru C-11 P-1 thru P-12		C-1 thru C-11 P-1 thru P-12	

2. File this transmittal memorandum in the front of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual.

Susan Schmetzer
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